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Shays to Hold May 11 Hearing on Reserve Component Training and Equipment Needs, Chief of Army Reserve and Director of National Guard to Testify.

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, will convene an oversight hearing to examine how the US military applies lessons learned from dynamic combat environments to the development of training and equipment needs, especially for National Guard and Reserve units.

Despite improvements in training and equipping Reserve Component forces, there have been some reported equipment shortages and inadequate training for units deploying to combat environments. Witnesses will discuss recent efforts to address shortfalls and ensure lessons learned in-theater are integrated into pre-deployment decision-making.

"It's no longer enough to say 'everyone is a foot soldier' when we're sending people trained as cooks and file clerks into a hostile place knowing they're going to be put on dangerous urban convoy duty," Shays said. "To achieve their mission along side their active duty counterparts, reservists and Guard members have every right to expect equipment and training specifically tailored to that mission," he added.

The Tuesday, May 11, 2004 hearing will convene at 1:00 pm in room 2154 of the Rayburn Building in Washington, D.C.

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**“Combating Terrorism: Training and Equipping Reserve Component Forces”
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WITNESS LIST

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Lieutenant Colonel Steve J. Novotny
530th Military Police Battalion
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Chief of Army Reserve

Lieutenant General Roger C. Schultz
Director of Army National Guard

Lieutenant General Edward Hanlon
Commandant
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